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FOR PRESIDENT,

JAMES A. GARFIELD,

of Ohio.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,

CHESTER A. ARTHUR,

of New York.

CAMPAIN FAIR-HEEDS.

It is a very desperate case which prompts

even the Louisville Courier-Journal, with its

long habit of vanity, to throw aside all

shame and abandon itself to the most un-

mitigated system of persistent lying. It

now openly charges that the republican

party, "when in control of congress, paid

"all the southern claims which they could

"get hold of," thereby implying that they

were rebel claims, when the Courier-Journal

knows that not a dollar of that class of

claims has ever been knowingly paid by a

republican congress. Every dollar of demands

paid has been to loyal men under well-

established claims, and this is what annoys

the late rebel press and what prompts a

rebel congress and a rebel party now to

seek revenge by opening the door of the

national treasury to rebel claims more

widely than it has ever been opened to

loyal claimants. If \$100,000,000, as the

C-J claims, have been paid to loyal claim-

ants in the south for damages suffered in

consequence of a rebel war, that in no de-

gree justifies the purpose of the democrats

to pay one hundred times that amount to

rebel claimants for the loss of their prop-

erty in slaves and of any other character

under the contingencies of a war which

was waged for the destruction of the na-

tion.

Then, again, the Courier-Journal makes a

very lame apology for an Arkansas paper

which displayed the rebel flag over the

embassy building, "The democrats say

"they have no other way," by pleading that

an old and dusty war-time cut had been

mistaken for the stars and stripes. The

C-J knows that no loyal man ever

makes such a mistake, nor does a rebel

man who the character of the flag is clearly

developed by its display. Then, to justify

this piece of manifest dishonesty, the Courier-

Journal resorts to a palpable falsehood

when it declares that the New York Tribune

itself said of the stars and stripes just be-

fore the war:

"Tear down the flag, the stars and stripes,

insult to sunny flag,

With hate's polluted rag,

"Destroy it by the waves!"

The C-J knows that this is not the

language of the Tribune, and that if it ever

appeared in the columns of that journal it

was used as a quotation, to which it never

added its approval. In view of these state-

ments on the part of the C-J, it must be

aware that SHAKESPEARE pointed to such

as it when he wrote of them, that they are

"Past all shame, so past all truth."

Our contemporary should reform this

habit before it gets beyond control.

THE GOOD WORK COMMENCED.

When the confederates secured a major-

ity in each house of congress there were

seventy-seven republicans employed at the

capital in various capacities. These men

had all served in the union army, and

many of them had lost arms and legs and

others carry lead in their bodies. All

of these men were poor, supporting their

families on their monthly pay. They were

discharged and the bread taken out of the

mouths of their wives and children as re-

ment of the best men of the best principles

in the proper places. We are glad to see

recent indications that this just and wise

course will be pursued by some of those

controlling the patronage of the govern-

ment. May the good work go rapidly and

bravely on!

THE MAINE CONSTITUTION.

The Louisville Courier-Journal is severely

exercised over the amendments to the con-

stitution of Maine voted on at the late

election, and assumes that "it was to apply

"at this year's election if adopted by the

"people," as it appears to have been. This

involves a very nice question for the su-

preme court of the state to decide. It is

simply this: Was the late election con-

ducted under and was it governed by the

existing constitution or one that could not

possibly be in force until it had been

adopted, and could not possibly develop

the evidence of its adoption until after all

that pertained to the late election should

have transpired? If this election has been

conducted under the old constitution that

instrument must of course control its re-

sults. So it would seem to a disinterested

spectator. The new constitution, to be

made applicable to any event that had

transpired before it had any force, must be

made so within the range of its own

specific terms, or it will not reach the case,

but is applicable only to cases that shall

occur after it comes into force. As it now

stands it looks as if the legislature must

elect the governor to make his election con-

stitutional, and still, no doubt, under all

the features of this election, a republican

legislature would sooner allow him to take

his chances under the claim that the new

constitution covers his case than to vote

against or for him under the old constitu-

tion. However, the fundamental law is its

own interpreter, and will determine its own

powers in its own distinct terms. The pow-

ers must be positively set forth in its own

language. Nothing can with safety be as-

sumed.

THE PROSPECT IN OHIO.

The buckeye state has all along been

claimed with full assurance and confidence

as certain to cast its electoral vote for GAR-

FIELD and ARTHUR by a majority that

would exceed 20,000, and it has been re-

garded as certain in that respect as any un-

trampled event. We confess that we have

entertained fears of an overwhelming con-

fidence on the part of the republicans of

Ohio, for we have been aware all along that

the democrats had determined to make a

fierce onslaught upon General GARFIELD's

own state, and we have had apprehensions

that Ohio republicans were not fully sensi-

ble of the danger that was impending over

them.

The Dayton Journal, which is among the

most able and intelligent of the sentinels

on the republican watch-tower in Ohio,

evidently seems danger, or it would not

utter words of alarm with so much ear-

nestness at this time. It says:

The republicans take it for granted that

Ohio will go for GARFIELD, and we sur-

mise that with ordinary campaign work that

with ordinary campaign work that, this time

is evidence enough on all sides that the dem-

ocrats are actively at work with all their

might to secure a (three) loss of repub-

licanism in this year's election. There is the

planning of the ballot-box. First, there

are fraudulent naturalization papers (which

republicans must guard against with all the

means in their power), which the democrats

prelaid in New York in 1876 to the extent of

60,000 papers, most of which, however, were

detected. This was a few years ago one of

the democratic favorite methods of securing

purity of elections. Secondly, there is the

"repeat" which was the popular democratic

method in 1876, which in Cincinnati, de-

feated STANLEY MATTHEWS, and has been practiced largely

which is honored as the home of our stand-

ard-bearer, shall be more faithfully re-

deemed than have been those of Maine.

A NEW TRICK IN CANTANING.

The latest thing in cantanizing has been

developed by the democratic faction fight

in Georgia. Mr. Newwood, independent

democratic candidate for governor, is not

satisfied with the promise of a Georgia

cracker to support him at the election. He

is unwilling to trust the convert to the

temptation which besets the voter at the

hands of the unscrupulous and corrupt

COTUITT. He nails his man with an ad-

vavit, of which the following is a copy. We

give it as it appears in the Blackhawk News:

STATE OF GEORGIA, FIBRE COUNTY, I, _____

do hereby certify that I will vote as a

member of the Newwood club, for Thomas M. New-

wood for governor, and use all my influence to se-

cure the election of said Newwood, and will not

vote for any other person, and will not be

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influenced by any person, and will not be

under it. What our population is we

"will claim representation for." In our

opinion, a republican house of representa-

tives will settle the stuffed census of South

Carolina, and she will get more investiga-

tion than she wants.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The Herald's correspondent in Indiana

seems to be very decidedly of the opinion that

J. P. RICHMOND will carry that state in October.

A recent democratic meeting in South Carolina

that there were within the borders of the state

two distinct races, and the question being how

to unite them, a contrast of the works and

abilities of these races must convince every

one, in spite of what northern campaigners

might say, that the only solution of the prob-

lem was to make it a white man's government.

The Indianapolis Journal says: "While in

congress Mr. English did three notable things.

First, he voted against the expulsion of Bully

Brooks for his brutal attack on Senator Sum-

ner; second, he introduced a bill to bribe the

people of Kansas with a large land grant into

adopting a slavery constitution, and third, he

favored the removal of troops from Wash-

ington at a time when the revolutionists were

plotting to capture the capital."

GENERAL FITZGERALD follows Wade

Hampton in his eulogy of the southern cause.

At a recent democratic meeting at Portsmouth,

Va., he said: "If you desire that those heroes

buried yonder shall not have died in vain

vote the democratic ticket and vindicate the

principles for which they sacrificed their lives."

This is a manly answer, and Baltimore ought

to be ashamed of himself.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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The National Republican Association will meet at